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Ph.D. Student

George Mason University

Research Interests: Optimization for machine learning, Federated learning

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## EDUCATION

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### George Mason University

Ph.D. in Computer Science

2019 - Present

M.S. in Computer Science

2019 - 2022

Advisor: Mingrui Liu

### The Ohio State University

2015 - 2019

B.S. in Mathematics and Computer Science, Honors

## PUBLICATIONS

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### EPISODE: Episodic Gradient Clipping with Periodic Resampled Corrections for Federated Learning with Heterogeneous Data

Michael Crawshaw, Yajie Bao, Mingrui Liu

International Conference on Learning Representations, 2023.

### Robustness to Unbounded Smoothness of Generalized SignSGD

(Alphabetical order) Michael Crawshaw, Mingrui Liu, Francesco Orabona, Wei Zhang, Zhenxun Zhuang

Neural Information Processing Systems, 2022.

### Fast Composite Optimization and Statistical Recovery in Federated Learning

Yajie Bao, Michael Crawshaw, Mingrui Liu

International Conference on Machine Learning, 2022.

### Multi-Task Learning with Deep Neural Networks: A Survey

Michael Crawshaw

arXiv, 2020.

## EMPLOYMENT

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### Olive

March 2018 - August 2019

Machine Learning Engineering Intern

- Developed computer vision functionality for desktop automation software with applications to healthcare operations.
- Trained deep neural networks for object detection with various techniques, including Faster R-CNN and DARTS.

## AWARDS

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Institute for Digital Innovation Predoctoral Fellowship, George Mason University

2022

NSF XSEDE startup allocation, National Science Foundation

2022

Summer Ph.D. Research Initiation Award, George Mason University

2020

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, George Mason University

2020

Gordon Memorial Fund Scholarship, The Ohio State University

2017 - 2019

Honorable Mention, Raser-Bareis-Gordon Math Competition, The Ohio State University

2017

7th Place, FIRST Tech Challenge World Competition, FIRST

2015

## TEACHING

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Graduate Teaching Assistant, George Mason University

2019-2022

CS 657: Mining Massive Datasets

Fall 2020, Fall 2021

CS 471: Operating Systems

Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022

CS 583: Analysis of Algorithms

Spring 2021

CS 571: Operating Systems

Spring 2021

CS 330: Formal Methods and Models

Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University

2017 - 2018

CSE 3321: Automata and Formal Languages

Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Undergraduate Honors Math Mentor, The Ohio State University

2016 - 2017

Math 4181H: Honors Analysis I

Fall 2016

Math 4182H: Honors Analysis II

Spring 2017

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK AND SKILLS

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**GMU Coursework:** Optimization for machine learning, deep learning, computer vision, theory of computation, algorithms.

**OSU Math Coursework:** Real analysis, linear algebra, differential equations, probability, statistics, combinatorics, complex analysis, number theory, abstract algebra.

**OSU CS Coursework:** Software design, digital logic, databases, operating systems, networking, automata and formal languages, theory of computation, machine learning, neural networks, natural language processing.

**Programming:** Python (PyTorch, TensorFlow), Bash, Java, C, Git, Latex